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1. The airfield was northeast of CHKALOV (55°08'E/51°46'N), Chkalov Oblast, south of the railroad line and main road to ORSK (58°03'E/51°12'N), and four miles north of the Ural River. Aircraft Plant No 47, with a railroad spur track, was in the southern section of the field (see Annex).
2. The field, about 6,600 x 10,000 feet, had a rolled runway, three hangars, a four-story billet with two short antenna rods on the roof, a transformer station, and two installations presumably underground tanks.
3. There were numerous Douglas planes standing on the parking sites until 1947. There was almost constant traffic by planes leaving the field. No more aircraft were parked in the open in early 1949. **
4. There was flying with biplanes, gliders and twin-engine towing planes. Parachute jumps by groups of from six to eight parachutists each were frequently made over the field. *

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each about 370 to 490 acres, were about 5, 10 and 15 miles south
of CHUKALOV. ***

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- * Report confirms previous information on the airfield. The information on the rolled runway, which confirms the existence of the previously reported grass cover, is new. The flying activity observed indicates that the field is occupied by a pilot and parachute school.
- ** The information that Douglas aircraft were seen at the field until 1947 confirms the assumption that this aircraft type was manufactured in Aircraft Plant No 47 up to early 1947.

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*** The information on the three airfields south of CHKALOV is important. Several previous reports on flying observed over the town indicated their existence.

1 Annex: CHKALOV Airfield and Aircraft Plant.

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